

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2016-13**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEDONA, ARIZONA, OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZING SEDONA AS AN INTERNATIONAL CITY OF PEACE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE INTERNATIONAL CITIES OF PEACE ORGANIZATION.**

WHEREAS, the greater Sedona Area is recognized worldwide as one of the most unique and culture rich locations in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Sedona has a long and international history, beginning with the indigenous peoples, of being a place of pilgrimage, peace, and healing within a spiritual landscape, and Sedona has an opportunity to expand on this legacy through compassionate leadership and local and global collaboration dedicated to fostering a culture of peace; and

WHEREAS, a broad-based network of Sedona civic and community leaders in the areas of arts, business, community service, education, environment, faith, human rights, mental health, youth, veterans, elderly, and wellness envision Sedona as a city where people listen to each other, celebrate the diversity of backgrounds, opinions and expressions, and come together to create opportunities for the community to flourish physically, economically, socially, spiritually, and joyfully; and

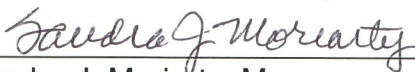
WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Sedona, Arizona are committed to establishing Sedona as an International City of Peace to promote economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for all people in our community; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations has called for a global movement to promote a culture of peace seeded in local communities through the designation of International Cities of Peace worldwide, and as a result more than 130 cities on five continents have on behalf of their citizens designated their cities as Cities of Peace.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEDONA, ARIZONA:

1. That the City of Sedona, by and through the Sedona City Council, proclaims the City of Sedona, Arizona to be an International City of Peace in perpetuity and designates September 21<sup>st</sup> (International Peace Day) as Peace Day in Sedona each year in perpetuity; and
2. That the Sedona City Council supports the creation of public-private partnerships with the Sedona International City of Peace and other organizations dedicated to building common ground and resolving conflict around issues of importance to the Council and/or the citizens of Sedona; and
3. That the Sedona City Council encourages a culture of peace in our city/region and places an emphasis on actions and activities that promote a culture of peace.

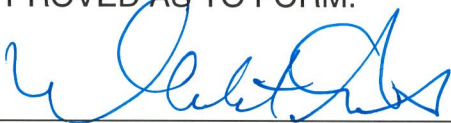
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Sedona, Arizona this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

  
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Sandra J. Moriarty, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Susan L. Irvine, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Robert L. Pickels, Jr. City Attorney